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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, RP
SUBJECT: FOREIGN TRAVEL OF FIRST LADY

1. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES EMBASSY HAS HEARD OF PLANS OF WIFE OF PRESIDENT MARCOS TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA, US AND UK IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. FIRST LADY REPORTEDLY WILL VISIT AUSTRALIA OCT 17-21, RETURNING TO PHILIPPINES AFTERWARDS. ACCORDING SENIOR AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER, SHE "INVITED HERSELF" TO AUSTRALIA AT TIME WHICH SHE HOPED WOULD COINCIDE WITH VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH TO SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE. FIRST LADY TOLD LOCAL FILIPINO GROUP RECENTLY THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO PERSUADE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM TO JOIN SOUTHEAST ASIAN "ECONOMIC -POLITICAL" BLOC. ONE SOURCE REPORTS THAT MRS. HENRY FORD II MAY ACCOMPANY HER.

3. FIRST LADY IS PLANNING ANOTHER TRIP IN NOVEMBER TO US AND UK. ACCORDING ONE WELL -INFORMED SOURCE, SHE INTENDS VISIT HER DAUGHTER IMEE, A PRINCETON FRESHMAN, TO HELP CELEBRATE LATTER'S 18TH BIRTHDAY ON NOV. 12. SHE ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD GROUP OF FILIPINOS THAT SHE WILL VISIT
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LONDON IN NOVEMBER TO TALK TO "ROTHCHILDS" ABOUT FINANCING

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"SATELLITE" CITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES. SISTER OF IMPRISONED LIBERAL PARTY LEADER AQUINO TOLD EMBOFF THAT FIRST LADY HOPES TO ATTEND WEDDING OF PRINCESS ANNE ON NOVEMBER 14.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF TRAVEL PLANS OF FIRST LADY BUT WILL SEEK FURTHER DETAILS, AS APPROPRIATE, OF VISIT TO US. FIRST LADY HAS REPUTATION FOR ROYAL MANNER OF LIFE STYLE IN PHILIPPINES AND WOULD NOT BE ABOVE LOBBYING FOR INVITIATION TO BRITISH ROYAL WEDDING. SULLIVAN

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